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Community Pool Meets New Safety Standards



Opening Day for the Newburgh Community Pool is set for Saturday, May 23. Much has been involved this winter and spring preparing the pool for operation due to the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission's nationwide enforcement of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Safety Act of 2007. This Act requires all pool main drains, new and existing, of all sizes, be protected by certain devices to prevent possible suction entrapment hazards. In conjunction with Goebel Mechanical, a local firm, the

Town utilized the specialty services of an Indianapolis company to assess the pool for compliance. Prior to opening day, minor modification work on the drains will be completed and the pool will be certified as to compliance with the standards and performance criteria set forth in the Act.

The Newburgh Parks and Recreation Board has hired a new pool manager, Nichole Batiz, for this summer season. She has extensive lifeguard, swim team, and pool management experience. Nichole is full of energy and innovative ideas. Swim enthusiasts can look forward to a safe and fun filled pool season.

Some highlights of the upcoming season:

- Swim Lessons
- Lap Swimming
- Dolphins Swim Team
- Evening Pool Rental
- Birthday Party Specials
- Shelter House Rental

Pool Operating Schedule

May 23 - August 1

Monday - Friday

11 am - 6 pm

Saturday 11 am - 7 pm

Sunday 12 noon - 7 pm

The pool staff will be available beginning May 16 to assist you with the purchase of pool passes, swim lesson and/or swim team registration, party and rental information. Please call the pool for more information 853.0051.

Mosquito Control

Annually the Town of Newburgh participates in a mosquito management program through Action Pest Control. The program includes early surveillance, sampling, and monitoring; larvacide application particularly in areas of poor drainage, catch basins, and drains; and spring and summer fogging. These efforts only go so far in managing the mosquito problem in this area. Everyone can help by doing a few simple things to eliminate mosquito breeding habitat.

Simple measures can help control mosquito problems in your yard and your neighborhood:

- Get rid of old tires, buckets, artificial containers, or anything holding water in your yard
- Fill in or drain low spots, puddles, and ruts in your yard
- Keep drains, ditches, and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets
- Fill in tree-rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water
- Change the water in birdbaths, wading pools, and planters
- Keep gutters clean and free of debris
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed
- Notify the Town of mosquito breeding sites or mosquito activity for additional treatments

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July 4th Fireworks

Again this year, Historic Newburgh, Inc. is sponsoring the July 4th celebration with a fireworks display presented by Larry and the Boom Boys. This spectacular event is held on the riverfront at the Old Lock & Dam park on Saturday, July 4 at 9:00 PM. Handicap parking is available at the Lock & Dam but must be accessed from the east only. Shuttle bus service will be available from Newburgh Elementary and the Presbyterian Church. For more information, call HNI at 853.2815.



Historic Bridge Relocated to Rivertown Trail

Work continues on the Rivertown Trail and the rehabilitation of Warrick County Historic Bridge # 264. This rare Warren polygonal chord truss was constructed circa 1920 to carry Warner Road over Cypress Creek. It was surplused by Warrick County and removed in 2006. As a part of a memorandum of agreement with the Town of Newburgh, Warrick County, Federal Highway Administration, and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office, the bridge was disassembled, repaired and parts restored, reassembled, sandblasted, and painted. The bridge will be relocated along the old coal loading roadbed in the great ravine. The process has been labor intensive and closely monitored by the state preservation office. During the historically accurate restoration, strict standards were met. The town was required to fulfill certain obligations in the rehabilitation in order to receive the funding to complete the work. The bridge and the two trailheads it connects from SR 662 to the Water Street Overlook will be focal points along Phase I of the trail which is scheduled for completion this summer.



Bridge #264 at original location on Warner Road.



Above: Deig Bros., Inc. workers repair and reassemble the bridge.

Left: The reassembled bridge with a coat of primer.



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River Sweep 2009 Planned for Saturday, June 20

River Sweep is a riverbank cleanup of the Ohio River and its tributaries. River Sweep encompasses the entire length of the river, from its origin in at Pittsburgh to its end at Cairo, IL including 1,962 miles of shoreline and many tributaries.

During 2008, more than 21,000 volunteers from public organizations, civic groups, recreational clubs and the general public in six states bordering the river came together to collect more than 20,000 tons of trash and other debris from the banks of the Ohio River.

Since 1989, River Sweep has been organized by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), an interstate water pollution agency for the Ohio River Valley, along with environmental protection and natural resource agencies from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

The event in Newburgh will take place on Saturday, June 20 at the Old Lock & Dam park. Participants will receive a free River Sweep 2009 t-shirt.

For more information, call the River Sweep hotline 1.800.359.3977 or visit www.orsanco.org.



Seasonal boat ramp passes can be purchased at the Clerk-Treasurer's office at Town Hall, 23 W. Jennings Street from 8 am to 4 pm.

Daily passes can be purchased at the boat ramp.

Passes must be displayed in any vehicles parked at the boat ramp.

Old Lock & Dam # 47 Control Building Ready for Use

Renovation work has recently been completed on the interior and exterior of the Lock & Dam building as well as the exterior restrooms at the Lock & Dam park.

The control building is available for rental. Call the office of the Clerk-Treasurer 853.7111.

Rental rates:

Daily rate \$125.00

Non-Profit rate \$30.00

Refundable deposit required.



Environmental Awareness Vital to Water Supply

Wellhead protection is a process of identifying and protecting the area of land near the drinking water wells (the "wellhead") from potential hazards. Contamination in the wellhead area could affect our water supply years into the future. This impact would be felt both by individuals and businesses. Water is vital not only to human health but also to the economic well being of an area. We can all play a part in maintaining this vital resource.

Becoming educated about wellhead protection is the first step in helping to protect our water supply. Our drinking water comes from groundwater. We can help protect this valuable resource by doing the simple things outlined below to reduce groundwater contamination in our local aquifer.

- 1. Limit your use of chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, and other hazardous products.** While planting your garden and/or landscaping this spring, always follow the label directions. Use the least toxic product or method available for lawn, garden, and household pest and weed control. Also, minimize the use of de-icers.
- 2. Recycle leftover hazardous products.** *Never pour these chemicals onto the ground or into storm drains* because they can contaminate the water supply. Examples of hazardous products include used motor oil, used antifreeze, batteries, house paint, electronics, and insecticides. Instead get rid of these leftover chemicals and hazardous products for free during Warrick County Solid Waste Management Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Day.
- 3. Plug abandoned wells on your property.** These old wells provide a direct channel for surface contaminants to reach ground water supplies without first being filtered by the soil and can be a major safety hazard for small children and animals. Contact the IDNR-Division of Water toll free at 1.877.928.3755 for information on how to plug abandoned wells.
- 4. If you have a septic system, make sure it is inspected and serviced every three years.** Avoid pouring any products down the drain or flushing items down the toilet items that will harm your septic system such as diapers, coffee grounds, or hazardous chemicals.
- 5. Wash your car at the carwash instead of on your driveway or lawn.** Vehicle wash water contains oil, grease, metal (paint chips), phosphates, detergents, soaps, cleaners, road salts, and other chemicals that can contaminate groundwater by infiltration or by drainage to subsurface wells and/or septic systems. When you wash your car at the carwash, this contaminated water flows down the drain and to the local waste water treatment plant where contaminants can be removed.

For more information about wellhead protection, visit these websites: Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service <http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/SafeWater/wellhead/> and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management <http://www.in.gov/idem/4289.htm>. Information for this article was provided by Erica Amt, Environmental Scientist, Wittman Hydro Planning Associates, Inc.

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Historic Newburgh Wine, Art & Jazz Festival Weekend

Wine! Art! Jazz! What more could you ask for? Evansville Living Magazine and Historic Newburgh, Inc. present the **4th Annual Historic Newburgh Wine, Art & Jazz Festival** along the banks of the beautiful Ohio River at the Old Lock & Dam Park.

Friday, May 15th 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. kicks off this amazing festival with the “Grapes on the Grass - People’s Choice Wine Tasting Soiree.” Come sample tasty hors d’oeuvres and desserts from local caterers and restaurants, taste the wines, and vote for your favorites. Tickets are \$40/person and only 150 tickets to this event will be sold.

Saturday, May 16th 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. is a day filled with wine, local artists, live music, wine education classes, and food provided by Newburgh’s own Engelbrecht Market.

Sunday, May 17th 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. “Reds, Whites & Blues on the Banks.” Join us for wine and live jazz featuring two well known local jazz bands - Rodenberg, Stillwell & Friends and Charlene Blay & The Second Edition.

A fantastic weekend - full of good food, great wines, and live music!